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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA
SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 2 November 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m. consultations of the whole (closed) Consultation Room

Programme of work

Georgia (S/2000/1023)

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

2000 UNITED NATIONS PLEDGING CONFERENCE FOR DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

10 a.m. 2nd meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

1. Election of Vice-President

2. Statements regarding pledges for the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities (A/CONF.193/1, A/CONF.190/2, E/2000/46/Add.2 and Corr.1).

3. Adoption of the report (A/CONF.193/L.1)

4. Closure of the Conference

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m.	49th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall
3 p.m.	50th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

1. Culture of peace [33]

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/55/377)

   (b) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (A/55/338)

2. Review of the problem of human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome in all its aspects [179]

   (a) Report of the Fifth Committee (A/55/529)

   (b) Draft resolution (A/55/L.13)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Mauricio Escanero (Mexico), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.16 (item 100)

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Ms. Anne Barrington (Ireland), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.19 (item 92 (a))

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Chairman of the Second Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.5 (item 94), A/C.2/55/L.10 (item 94 (c)), A/C.2/55/L.12 (item 94 (e)) and A/C.2/55/L.13 (item 94 (e))

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Navid Hanif (Pakistan), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.14 (item 95 (e))

THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	44th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [112]

   Introduction of revised draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.25/Rev.1

2. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [114 (b)] (A/55/177, A/55/213 and Add.1, A/55/214 and Add.1, A/55/275 and Add.1, A/55/279, A/55/280 and Add.1 and 2, A/55/283, A/55/288, A/55/289, A/55/291, A/55/292, A/55/296 and Add.1, A/55/302, A/55/306, A/55/328, A/55/342, A/55/360, A/55/395-S/2000/880, A/55/404-S/2000/889, A/55/408 and A/C.3/55/2)

3. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and special representatives [114 (c)] (A/55/269, A/55/282* and Corr.1, A/55/294, A/55/318, A/55/335, A/55/346, A/55/358, A/55/359, A/55/363, A/55/374, A/55/400, A/55/403, A/55/509 and A/55/426-S/2000/913)

4. Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [114 (d)] (A/55/36 and A/55/438-S/2000/93)

5. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [114 (e)] (A/55/36).

   Conclusion of general discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	18th meeting	Conference Room 3

Human resources management [123] (A/55/253 and Corr.1, A/55/270, A/55/168, A/55/427, A/C.5/55/L.3, A/55/499, A/55/399 and Corr.1, A/53/955, A/C.5/54/21, A/54/257, A/54/279 and Corr.1, A/C.5/54/L.3, A/C.5/54/2, A/54/450, A/C.5/55/CRP.1 and CRP.2)

Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/55/397 and A/55/352 and Corr.1)

Report of the Joint Inspection Unit: Administration of justice at the United Nations (A/55/57 and Add.1 and A/55/514)

Management irregularities causing financial losses to the Organization (also under agenda item 116) (A/54/793 and A/55/499)

Continuation of general discussion

Morning* - 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 116 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Procurement reform and outsourcing practices (A/55/127, A/54/866, A/55/458, A/55/301 and A/55/479))

3 p.m.	19th meeting	Conference Room 3

Programme planning [118] (A/55/16, A/55/6 (Introduction and programmes 1-25), A/55/63, A/55/73, A/55/85, A/C.5/55/14, A/C.5/55/17, A/C.5/55/18, A/C.5/55/19 and A/C.5/55/20)

Introduction and general discussion

Afternoon** - 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Pattern of conferences (A/55/32, A/55/134, A/55/182, A/55/259, A/55/410, A/55/430 and A/AC.172/2000/6))

* Following the adjournment of the 18th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

** Following the adjournment of the 19th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	23rd meeting	Conference Room 4

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-second session [159] (A/55/10)

3 p.m. - 5 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 4

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 159 (Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-second session)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

International Criminal Tribunal for Yugoslavia

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

WORKING GROUP

10 a.m. - 1p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 173 (Towards global partnerships)

Informal consultations for interested Member States and possible co-sponsors on a draft resolution under agenda item 173 (Towards global partnerships) will be held *today*, 2 November 2000, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A.

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The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will meet *today*, 2 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in room DC2-470A.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 2 November 2000

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 173 (Towards global partnerships))

Morning*- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

* Following the adjournment of 2nd meeting of the 2000 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities.

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

ARAB GROUP OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room D

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

2 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on environmental issues)

6 p.m.- 10 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 93 (b) Business and development))

6 p.m.- 10 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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United Nations Institute for Training and Research

FRENCH-LANGUAGE WORKSHOP ON THE STRUCTURE, DRAFTING AND ADOPTION OF UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room D

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations with interested delegations under agenda item 174 (The role of the United Nations in promoting a new global human order), organized by the delegation of Guyana, will take place *today*, 2 November 2000, from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room A.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors to discuss the draft resolution under agenda item 14 (Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency), organized by the delegation of Nigeria, *today*, 2 November 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.

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Briefing

There will be a briefing on "The Right to Development: A World Bank View", by Mr. Alfredo Sfeir-Younis, World Bank Special Representative, Geneva Office, *today*, 2 November 2000, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the office of the World Bank (tel.: (212) 986-8306).

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Information meeting

There will be a preparatory information meeting for the Bamako Seminar on Universalization and Implementation of the Mine Ban Treaty in Africa (Mali, 15-16 February 2001), organized by the delegations of Mali, Canada and France, *today*, 2 November 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations with interested delegations under agenda item 37 (Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the special session of the General Assembly in this regard) will take place *today*, 2 November 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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Announcement

As from *today*, 2 November 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

The Web site of the Netherlands Presidency of the Security Council can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.int/netherlands.

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 3 November 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m.	51st plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

1. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States [21]

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/55/184)

   (b) Draft resolution (A/55/L.21)

2. Strengthening of the United Nations system: draft resolution (A/55/L.19) [61]

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	45th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	46th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	20th meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	21st meeting	Conference Room 3

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	24th meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m.	25th meeting	Conference Room 4

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg) on Monday, 6 November 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee will hold its 17th meeting on Monday, 6 November 2000 at 10 a.m. and will begin consideration of agenda item 85 (Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories). Delegations wishing to participate in the general debate on agenda item 85, as well as on the other remaining items on the agenda (items 86 (Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects) and 87 (Questions relating to information)) are urged to kindly inscribe their names on the list of speakers with the Secretariat of the Committee (room S-2977, tel.: (212) 963-0388), as soon as possible.

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There will be a closed meeting of the Bureau of the Committee on Information on Friday, 3 November 2000, at 3.30 p.m. in room S-1027.

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The Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations will meet on Monday and Tuesday, 6 and 7 November 2000, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela (Lesotho), on Wednesday, 8 November 2000, at 10 a.m. sharp, in Conference Room 9.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Forum

The Women's International Forum will meet on Monday, 6 November 2000, at 11 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium, to hear a presentation by Mr. José Ramos-Horta on "East Timor: Building a Nation from the Ashes of War". Members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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Briefing

The briefing to Group of 77 Ambassadors and their experts by the Chief Executive and Chairman of the Global Environment Facility (GEF), Mr. Mohamed El-Ashry, will take place on Tuesday, 7 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., on the agency's development programme to assist developing countries on the following issues: climate change, biological diversity, desertification and forests; (a) capacity-building; (b) technology transfer; and (c) adaptation.

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Workshop

The United Nations University and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) are jointly organizing a workshop on "COP6 and the Kyoto Protocol Negotiations" as part of their annual Series on Sustainable Development in Practice. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Tuesday, 7 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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Briefing

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services will hold an informal briefing on the annual report of the Office for the period 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000, for interested delegates, on Wednesday, 8 November 2000, at 2 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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Workshop

The United Nations University will hold a workshop on "Building Conflict Prevention Capacity: Methods, Experiences, Needs" on Tuesday, 14 November 2000, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the New York office of the United Nations University (tel.: (212) 963-6346).

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Seton Hall University School of Diplomacy and International Relations are jointly organizing a workshop in their Series on the Art of Public Speaking for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Thursday and Friday, 16 and 17 November, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, a draft programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Thursday, 9 November. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 31 October 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

46th plenary meeting

Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the special session of the General Assembly in this regard: report of the Secretary-General (A/55/344) [37]

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Arab Emirates, Egypt, India, Japan, Colombia, Senegal, Mozambique, the Republic of Korea, Peru, Ukraine, Cuba, China, Brazil, Malaysia, Guyana, Botswana (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community), the Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, Norway, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Pakistan, Bangladesh, the Philippines, the Russian Federation, Mexico, the United Republic of Tanzania, the United States, Indonesia, Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Poland, Benin and Nepal.

The observer of Palestine made a statement.

In accordance with the decision taken by the General Assembly at its 45th plenary meeting, the observer of the Holy See made a statement.

In accordance with the decision taken by the General Assembly at its 45th plenary meeting, the observer of Switzerland made a statement.

Statements in exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Israel and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The observer of Palestine made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

The Assembly was informed that a draft resolution would be submitted under this item at a later date.

Wednesday, 1 November 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

47th plenary meeting

Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa [50]

(a) *Report of the Open-Ended Ad Hoc Working Group on the Causes of Conflict and the Promotion of Durable Peace and Sustainable Development in Africa (A/55/45)*

(b) *Note by the Secretary-General (A/55/431)*

Statements were made by the representatives of Egypt, Singapore, France (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), the United States, China, Togo, Senegal, the United Republic of Tanzania, Malaysia, Algeria, India, Norway, Colombia, Kuwait, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Angola, the United Arab Emirates, Botswana and Argentina.

48th plenary meeting

Note The summary of the 48th plenary meeting will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2000/214).

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 27th and 28th meetings

Note The summary of the 27th and 28th meetings of the First Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2000/214).

THIRD COMMITTEE 42nd meeting

Human rights questions [114]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and special representatives

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Committee continued its consideration of the sub-items.

The Special Representative on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran, Mr. Maurice Copithorne, made a presentation.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue with the Special Representative on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran, in which the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Israel, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and China took part.

The Special Representative on the situation of human rights in Rwanda, Mr. Michel Moussalli, made a presentation.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue with the Special Representative on the situation of human rights in Rwanda, in which the representatives of Rwanda, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya took part.

The Committee continued its general discussion of sub-items 114 (b), (c), (d) and (e) and heard statements by the representatives of the United States, Saudi Arabia, Thailand, Bangladesh, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and India.

43rd meeting

Advancement of women [107]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of revised draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.11/Rev.1

The representative of the Netherlands, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Botswana, the Dominican Republic, Estonia, Monaco, Samoa, the Solomon Islands and Ukraine, introduced the revised draft resolution.

Introduction of revised draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.13/Rev.1

The representative of Algeria, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Cape Verde, Kyrgyzstan, Oman, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkmenistan and Yemen, introduced the revised draft resolution.

Introduction of revised draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.16/Rev.1

The representative of Nigeria, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, and Mexico, introduced the revised draft resolution.

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [110]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of revised draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.18/Rev.1

The representative of Uruguay, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Ethiopia, Israel, Mozambique, Poland, Turkey and Viet Nam, introduced the revised draft resolution.

Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments [114 (a)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of revised draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.3/Rev.1

The representative of Canada, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Australia, Austria, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Ecuador, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Poland, the Republic of Korea, San Marino, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America, introduced the revised draft resolution.

Human rights questions [114]

The Committee continued its general discussion of the sub-items 114 (b), (c), (d) and (e) and heard statements by the representatives Cameroon, Turkey, Canada, Hungary, Pakistan, Mexico and Indonesia.

Right of reply

Statements were made in exercise of the right of reply by the representatives of China, Iraq, Belarus, the Sudan, Saudi Arabia and Viet Nam.

Organization of work

The Chairperson made a statement in which she informed the Committee that action would be taken on draft proposals on Friday, 3 November, at 10 a.m.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 17th meeting

Human resources management [123]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Deputy Secretary-General introduced the report of the Secretary-General on human resources management reform (A/55/253 and Corr.1).

The Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management introduced the reports of the Secretary-General (A/55/168, A/55/427and A/C.5/55/L.3).

Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services introduced the reports of that Office (A/55/397 and A/55/352 and Corr.1).

The Assistant Secretary-General of the Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/55/399 and Corr.1).

Report of the Joint Inspection Unit: Administration of Justice at the United Nations

An Inspector of the Joint Inspection Unit introduced the report of the Unit (A/55/57).

Management irregularities causing financial losses to the Organization (also under agenda item 116)

The Director of the Management Policy Office of the Department of Management introduced the report of that report of the Secretary-General on mechanisms of accountability and responsibility, including monitoring and control procedures and training, as well as elements referred to in paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 48/218 A (A/55/270), and the follow-up report of the Secretary-General on management irregularities causing financial losses to the Organization (A/54/793).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related reports of that Committee (A/55/499 and A/55/514).

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to set 1 p.m. on Thursday, 2 November, as the deadline for the closure of the list of speakers for this item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), France (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Cyprus and Malta), New Zealand (on behalf of Australia, Canada and New Zealand), Norway, Poland, Mozambique, Japan, Pakistan, the Republic of Korea, China and India.

The representative of Kyrgyzstan also made a statement.

The Secretary of the Committee replied to a question raised.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 21st and 22nd meetings

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-second session [159]

Statements were made by the representatives of Cyprus, Jordan, the Russian Federation, Bahrain, Brazil, Germany, Italy, Spain, Guatemala, the Republic of Korea, Sweden (on behalf of Nordic countries) Austria, Finland (on behalf of the Nordic countries), France, the Netherlands, Hungary, New Zealand, and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, as well as by the Observer for Switzerland.

The Chairman of the International Law Commission introduced Chapters VII, VIII and IX of the Commission's report.

2000 UNITED NATIONS PLEDGING CONFERENCE FOR DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

2000 UNITED NATIONS FAO PLEDGING CONFERENCE FOR THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME 1st meeting

Joint opening of the Pledging Conferences

The Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs opened the joint 2000 Pledging Conference for Development Activities and the 2000 United Nations/FAO Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme and made a statement.

Election of officers

The Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs invited the Conference to proceed to the election of the Presidents.

H.E. Mr. Stuart Leslie (Belize) was elected as President of the 2000 Pledging Conference for Development Activities.

H.E. Mr. Abdulmejid Hussein (Ethiopia) was elected as President of the 2000 United Nations/FAO Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme.

Statements regarding pledges

Statements were made and pledges announced by members of the Conference.

2000 UNITED NATIONS FAO PLEDGING CONFERENCE FOR THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME — 1st meeting

Election of officers

Mr. Igor Vencel (Slovakia) was elected as Vice-President, by acclamation.

Statements regarding pledges

Statements were made and pledges announced by members of the Conference.

Adoption of the report

The Conference adopted its draft report contained in document A/CONF.194/L.1.

Closure of the Conference

The Executive Director of the World Food Programme made a concluding statement.

The President of the Pledging Conference made a statement and declared the 2000 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme closed.

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COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH THE HOST COUNTRY — 205th meeting

Note The summary of the 205th meeting of the Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2000/214).

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade. Rotterdam, 10 September 1998

Ratification. Hungary (31 October 2000)*

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict. New York, 25 May 2000

Signature. Peru (1 November 2000)

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. New York, 25 May 2000

Signature. Peru (1 November 2000)

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DPI/NGO Briefing

This week, the topic of the DPI/NGO Briefing will be "Tourism and Human Rights Today". The briefing will be held *today*, 2 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The briefing is organized by the Department of Public Information. Members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 2 November 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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